
Title: Codex of Oblivion 4

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-----The Convergence-----

"I am what came before
and what shall come. I
stand at the point where
all passes through and in
my wake flows the
endless sea of Oblivion."
-Lich Lord Darrien Church

If Entropy is the rising
action of the story that
is reality and Oblivion is
the resolution and final
scene, the Convergence is
the climax. It is that
most sacred and holy
moment where reality
crosses over into
non-existence and all that
is imperfect and prone to
stagnation is forever
purged of its weakness
and cast into the endless
ocean of purity. The
Convergence is the focus
of the Order of the
Ebon Skull and its
primary drive. It is the
last breath of an ending
life, the final flicker of
a dying light. It is the
moment of translation
from the rough and
regrettable taint of
failure in life, to the
enduring peace of Oblivion.
There is no moment more
blissful or divine than the
passing. That perfect
moment of release.

1) Arcane Element-----

The Convergence is not a
process or a state of
being so much as a
sudden and distinctive
moment of time. As the
final work of Entropy
breaks down the last of

a substance to its final form and flings it into Oblivion's embrace it reaches a sudden moment of Unmaking the unweaves the very fabric of reality and dispels it into nothingness as it enters into the Void. Yet this final unmaking is not a mild nor inauspicious event. The release of energy from the final destruction of matter is nigh incalculable as the substance experiences its last fleeting moment of actuality. And it is from this power that so much of the strength of the Ebon Skull is pulled. While it is certainly a prevailing artifact of chaos, more than anything else, the Ebon Skull represents that cross over and can channel that impossibly massive power to the ends of those who wield it. Unlike the directed and chaotic power of Entropy, the energy released by the Convergence is not aspected towards a particular end. It has no focus, as its purpose is already finished. Therefore it can be wielded in any number of ways to great affect, though there is a theoretical limit. Again, the Convergence is a moment of time, not a state of existence. As of such, that power remains only with the moment before it is swallowed by Oblivion and is no more. Therefore using it to maintain fields or wards becomes extremely difficult as that wisp of incredible power soon passes away as quickly as it came. While there are some methods to channel each new spark of energy

released in each
Convergent action, such
projects require an
immense undertaking of
skill, resource and time
that can tie up the
wealth of even the most
developed of nations. Be
that as it may, many a
mage within the Order
turn to the Covergence
as their Central Draw.
The casting of spells
requires only a moments
focus and the limitless
power provided never fails
to grant the petitioner
their due.

However, the ability to
even perceive this power
falls behind mortal
comprehension. Indeed it
often requires interaction
with an incredibly
powerful scion or artifact
of Oblivion in order to
have ones eyes opened.
Indeed it was by baptism
in the stygian flame of
the Ebon Skull that some
of the Order have
received the seed of
understanding required to
wield the power of the
Convergence.

Perhaps one of the most
interesting facets of this
moment of release are
the messages sent into
reality by Oblivion. Like
every sudden release of
energy their is a
shockwave. The "boom"
from an Explosion spell or
the revolt of the earth
beneath ones foot in the
Earthquake incantation are
examples of this
shockwave. Yet to those
trained to listen there is
more to the moment of
Convergence than a simple
release of energy. There
is a message. It is
hypothesized that it is
through these "messages"
that Oblivion chooses its
Lich Lords and

communicates through the Ebon Skull. The echoes of that which is cast into the Convergence is more than the the deathknell of the subject. It is Oblivion's moment to speak with those who know how to hear it. There is no sound within Oblivion itself, but there are moments of understanding present in that instant where existence ceases to be and nothingness takes hold. It often fell to the eldritch capacity of the "Nameless One" to hear such calls, though his or her mortal senses were shattered. In time, other forms of prophets have emerged. And it is through these moments and these prophets, lich lords and artifacts that the Order holds a connection to Oblivion. A connection that binds us to its will and to completing the work begun at the beginning.

2) Theology-----

The Convergence is that perfect moment of cleansing that takes the stuff of our souls and transforms it into a flame that burns hotter than any time before.

Where Entropy is existence and Oblivion is the hope for tomorrow, the Convergence is the moment where the cleansing, fluidity and purpose of Entropy gives way to the eternal peace, equality and freedom of Oblivion. It is a sudden and instant change that cannot be compared to anything ever experienced in the mere and limited scope of mortality.

Whereas the unmaking of Entropy seeks to

constantly tear down the
firmaments produced by
mortal hands the
Convergence is an act of
unmaking that permanently
and irrevocably ends that
which is brought into its
moment. It must do so
as there can be no
return from that which
does not exist.

The Convergence is as
far reaching as Entropy
and as certain as
Oblivion on both a cosmic
as well as personal level.

It is the natural Order
that all things be sent
to Oblivion in time. And
it is only through the
Convergence that reality
can pass into nothingness.

We would be fools as to
believe that this process
could be halted or undone.

It was a divergence, of
sorts, that brought about
the shards and Sosoria.

It is the Convergence
that shall unify it all
once more. And into that
role steps the Order of
the Ebon Skull. Purveyors
of unity, that seek to
shepherd all into their
place in the proper order
of things. Not for the
sake of personal gain or
pride, but to grant all
their much deserved rest
from the otherwise
neverending cycle of pain
that existence offers.

The Convergence is
release. The gate that all
pass through on their
way to Oblivion's Peace.

It is that moment that
frees you and the
moment that washes away
all the iniquity of a life
now gone.

Furthermore, the
Convergence is necessary.

It is a moment of keen
understanding that
prepares the mind and
soul to accept what is to

come next. What Oblivion
has to offer is far too
much for mortal
discernment to grasp a
hold of. It is only by
reaching this moment that
many can come to see
the necessity of Oblivion.
It is the servants of the
Ebon Skull that have been
given this realization
before their time to pass
through the veil has
come. Though it is an
imperfect knowledge, it is
a working knowledge.
Last, the Convergence is
final. There is no stepping
back from what has been
learned. There is no
undoing what has been
seen. Forevermore does
knowledge change us. So
too are we forever
changed by our
understanding of the
Convergence. Because we
understand this finality,
we approach it with
reverence and willingness
to accept what is to
come.

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